THR MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A secret letter carrying instructions from Paresh Barua, self styled commander in Chief of ULFA, regarding attack on their selected enemy has been intercepted.

(c) All concerned have been alerted to remain vigilant and take preventive action.

Bomb blasts in Lucknow

867. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of bomb blasts occurred at Lucknow on 8th February, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of persons killed and injured during these blasts and also of the loss of property caused by it;

(c) whether any compensation has since been paid to the victims or their families;

(d) if so, give details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether any inquiry has been conducted and any arrest made in this regard;

(f) whether it is a fact that the militants of Punjab are involved in the bomb explosions in various parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(g) which were the States affected by bomb explosions during February, 1991;

(h) whether strength of police force in the country has been increased many fold and they are provided with large number of vehicles; and

(i) if so, how these blasts have taken place in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The information is being obtained from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

(g) The information is being obtained from all States/Union Territory Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(h) and (i) Under the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution, 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order thus directly devolves on the State Governments. Nevertheless, the Central Government remains in touch with the State Governments and constantly monitors and reviews the situations. As and when necessary suitable assistance is provided to the State Governments, It is, therefore, primarily for the State Governments to take appropriate action in this regard.

Visit of Mr. Adnan Khashoggi to India

868. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman of the 31st January, 1991 under the caption "Khashoggi Visits Capital"; if so, the purpose of his visit and the details of talks held with him;